WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Cooperation with USA On Defence Matters

*42. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to have close co-operation with the Government of U.S.A. on defence matters, under the aegis of the Indo-US Army Steering Committee; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Indo-US Army Steering Committee considers and oversees agreed programmes of Army to Army interaction including, *inter alia,* reciprocal visits, exchange of observers for exercises, training programmes, seminars and other progessional exchanges.

Increase in Cases Registered By CBI

*44. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an increase in cases registered by the Central Bureau of Investigation during the year 1991;

(b) if so, the details of such increase, crime-wise; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to ensure that crime rates are reduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) The number of cases registered by the Central Bureau of Investigation during the last three years is as under:—

1989	—	1,148
1990	—	1,116
1991	—	1,180

(b) Crime wise details of cases registered by the Central Bureau of Investigation are as under:—

	Cases registered by Anti-Corruption Division	Cases registered by Special Crimes Division	Total
1989:	921	227	1,148
1990:	915	201	1,116
1991:	956	224	1,180

(c) The registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crimes is largely dependent on the general law and order situation prevailing in the country, which is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, taking into consideration the increasing trend in entrusting cases to CBI for investigation, a number of policy decisions intended to quicker disposal of cases have been taken by the Government. Some of these pertain to restructuring of the Central Bureau of Investigation on functional basis, setting-up of more Special Courts, filling-up of vacancies at various levels and setting-up of a full fledged training institute.

Agreement On Defence Package Between India And Russia

*45. SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the recent visit of Russian President Mr. Boris Yeltsin to India, a defence package including joint development of light combat aircraft and updating MIG-21-M was finalised between the two countries;

(b) if so, what were the salient features thereof, including the main defence projects; and

(c) to what extent it replaces the 1991 package?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) A Defence Cooperation agreement between

Russia and India was concluded. However, no package, including the joint development of a light combat aircraft and updating of MIG-21, was discussed.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Legal aid to the poor and low income litigants

*46. SHRI N. GIRIPRASAD:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a substantial part of the central funds for free legal aid to the poor and low-income litigants has been allowed to go waste by most of the State Governments and Union Territories;

(b) if so, what is the amount allotted to each State Government and Union Territory during the year 1991-92 and the funds utilised during that period alongwith the number of litigants benefited in each State/Union Territory; and

(c) what are the reasons for non-utilisation of funds and what steps are proposed to be taken to ensure that more needy litigants are benefited by this fund?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Statement showing the grants-in-aid released by the Committee for Implementing Legal Aid Schemes and the amount utilised by the State Legal Aid & Advice Boards, Statewise, during 1991-92 is laid on the Table of the House. *(See below)*. The number of litigants benefited is being collected.

(c) In view of reply to (a) above, the question of non-utilisation of Central funds does not arise. Various Legal Aid Programmes such as Promotion of Legal Literacy; holding of Legal Aid Camps/ Lok Adalats; and Training of Para-Legals etc. are bring undertaken to ensure that more needy litigants are benefited under the Scheme.

Statement

Grant-in-aid released by the Committee for implementing Legal Aid Scheme for implementation of the specific Legal Aid Programmes out of Central funds during the financial year 1991-92, Statewise, and the funds utilised by the State Legal Aid & Advice Boards

S. No	Name of the State Legal Aid & Advice Board.	Grant-in-aid released during 1991-92	Funds utilised
		Rs.	Rs.
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1,36,929.01	Accounts yet to be finalised.
2.	Assam	1,00,000	-do-
3.	Gujarat	1,10,000	-do-
4.	Haryana	1,40,000	-do-
5.	Himachal Pradesh	60,000	-do-
6.	Kerala	50,000	-do-
7.	Madhya Pradesh	2,25,000	-do-
8.	Maharashtra	50,000	-do-
9.	Orissa	1,90,000	-do-
10.	Punjab	50,000	-do-
11.	Uttar Pradesh	1,70,000	-do-
12.	Karnataka	2,50,000	2,50,000
13.	Tamil Nadu	4,00,000	4,00,000
14.	Supreme Court Legal Aid Committee	8,00,000	8,00,000

Vigil by the Indian Navy in the Mannar Sea along the East Coast of Tamil Nadu

*47. SHRI S.K.T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to strengthen vigil by the Indian Navy in the Mannar Sea along the East Coast of Tamil Nadu in view of frequent clandestine movements of terrorist groups of Sri Lanka into the territorial waters of India;

(b) the number of vessels of the terrorist groups of Sri Lanka so far intercepted by the Indian Navy;

(c) the number of terrorists captured so far and put into custody; and